

Financial and Commercial

LOWER PRICES IN WALL STREET

Urgent Liquidation in Special Stocks Continues to Have Depressing Effect.

MISSOURI PACIFIC'S DROP

CAUSE ATTRIBUTED TO DIVIDEND POSSIBILITIES.

New York, Nov. 25.—The stock market showed no disposition at any time today to follow up the advance of Saturday. The movement seemed to be considered ill advised, on second thought, on the ground that a resumption of an active advance in stocks would be premature before the banking operations of the country have been restored to normal. An early resumption of cash payments by the banks all over the country is now looked for, with growing confidence, but the conditions which this resumption may disclose will be awaited before seeking to enter on speculative commitments. There was a general feeling of uneasiness in the market, and some of the urgent liquidation in special stocks, which was an unsettling factor in the whole market last week. The selling out of loans was the accepted explanation of the weakness, which was especially pronounced in Missouri Pacific. It was thought that the weakness of this stock might owe something also to the change in personal relationships involved in the working out of the contest for control of related railroad properties. Dividend possibilities also came inevitably into discussion by reason of the wide decline in that stock. The whole list of arrivals of stocks was more or less affected by this consideration, which was given fresh force by the contents of the regular weekly reports from railroad traffic officials. These were quite uniform in the admission that arrears of railroad traffic were worked off or were being rapidly cleared up and that idle freight cars were accumulating.

Published estimates of the extent to which working forces had been cut down in industrial enterprises made a formidable showing and, coupled with the heavy onward tide of returning foreigners pointing to the same conclusion, had a rather depressing effect on sentiment. On the other side of the account was a strong advance in copper, both in London and New York. Attention was attracted also by reports of the large numbers of revocations of orders in various lines of wholesale trade. This was regarded as significant of the extent to which the first force of the reaction might be considered as overrunning itself, with the promise of subsequent rebound. There was a further easing of the premium on currency today, and this was the most important development of the day.

Saturday's large gold arrivals were added to by subsequent arrivals. All of the day's arrivals of gold in the London market were taken for New York accounts, but with so little disturbance in that market that the gold was allowed to go at a sharp recession in the price. The accretion of gold to the Bank of England reserve from other sources went on and that institution released \$5,000,000 of gold to the open market, had been "ear-marked" or held apart for the account of the India council. International exchange houses in New York reported that additional supplies of gold were offered to their agents in France today, but that the decline in the premium on the currency here wiped out the margin of profit on closing the transaction. They are all highly significant occurrences and mark unmistakably the loosening of the tension of the currency famine. The call money market was also appreciably easier today.

Funds are still lacking, however, in

the time loan market and the commercial paper market also is practically suspended. Taken in connection with the favorable showing of the Saturday bank statement, however, the responses in the various departments of the money markets left no doubt of the positive improvement in conditions definitely inaugurated. Careful contemplation of the gold movement indicated a rapid approach to the \$100,000,000 mark in the aggregate of the engagement. Under these circumstances the discussion of the possibilities of the treasury relief plan fell largely into abeyance as having served much of its intended purpose so far as it had helped in the restoration of confidence, while the course of events had detracted from the importance of the question of its final working out. The stock market remained unaffected by the manifest improvement in the banking position and the condition of the circulation, and prices declined without much interruption from start to finish.

Bonds were irregular. Total sales, par value, \$2,946,000. United States bonds were unchanged on call.

Stock Quotations.

Stock	High	Low	Close
Adams Express	180	178	178
Amalg. Copper	45 1/2	45 1/4	45 1/4
Amer. C. & P.	25 1/2	25 1/4	25 1/4
Preferred	25 1/2	25 1/4	25 1/4
Amer. Oil	20 1/2	20 1/4	20 1/4
Preferred	20 1/2	20 1/4	20 1/4
Amer. Sugar	100	98 1/2	98 1/2
Amer. Exp.	100	98 1/2	98 1/2
Amer. H. & L.	100	98 1/2	98 1/2
American Ice	50	48 1/2	48 1/2
Baltimore & O.	100	98 1/2	98 1/2
Preferred	100	98 1/2	98 1/2
Brooklyn R. T.	100	98 1/2	98 1/2
Canadian Pac.	100	98 1/2	98 1/2
Cent. of N. J.	100	98 1/2	98 1/2
Ches. & Ohio	100	98 1/2	98 1/2
Chi. & N. W.	100	98 1/2	98 1/2
Dis. Sec.	100	98 1/2	98 1/2
C. M. & St. P.	100	98 1/2	98 1/2
Chi. T. & P.	100	98 1/2	98 1/2
Colo. & S. W.	100	98 1/2	98 1/2
Preferred	100	98 1/2	98 1/2
Gen. Elec.	100	98 1/2	98 1/2
Illinois Central	100	98 1/2	98 1/2
Intl. Paper	100	98 1/2	98 1/2
Intl. Pump	100	98 1/2	98 1/2
Iowa Central	100	98 1/2	98 1/2
Preferred	100	98 1/2	98 1/2
K. C. Southern	100	98 1/2	98 1/2
Preferred	100	98 1/2	98 1/2
Louis. & Nash.	100	98 1/2	98 1/2
Mexican Central	100	98 1/2	98 1/2
Minn. & St. L.	100	98 1/2	98 1/2
M. S. P. & S. S. M.	100	98 1/2	98 1/2
Preferred	100	98 1/2	98 1/2
Missouri Pacific	100	98 1/2	98 1/2
M. K. & T.	100	98 1/2	98 1/2
Preferred	100	98 1/2	98 1/2
National Lead	100	98 1/2	98 1/2
Nat. R. R. of Mex.	100	98 1/2	98 1/2
N. Y. Central	100	98 1/2	98 1/2
N. Y. O. & West.	100	98 1/2	98 1/2
Norfolk & West.	100	98 1/2	98 1/2
Preferred	100	98 1/2	98 1/2
Pacific American	100	98 1/2	98 1/2
Pacific Mail	100	98 1/2	98 1/2
Pennsylvania	100	98 1/2	98 1/2
People's Gas	100	98 1/2	98 1/2
P. C. C. & St. L.	100	98 1/2	98 1/2
Preferred	100	98 1/2	98 1/2
Pull. Pal. Car.	100	98 1/2	98 1/2
Reading	100	98 1/2	98 1/2
Preferred	100	98 1/2	98 1/2
Republic Steel	100	98 1/2	98 1/2
Preferred	100	98 1/2	98 1/2
Road Island	100	98 1/2	98 1/2
Preferred	100	98 1/2	98 1/2
St. L. & San F.	100	98 1/2	98 1/2
Preferred	100	98 1/2	98 1/2
Southern Pac.	100	98 1/2	98 1/2
Southern Ry.	100	98 1/2	98 1/2
Preferred	100	98 1/2	98 1/2

Tenn. C. & Iron	100	98 1/2	98 1/2
Texas & Pac.	100	98 1/2	98 1/2
U. S. L. & W.	100	98 1/2	98 1/2
Preferred	100	98 1/2	98 1/2
Union Pacific	100	98 1/2	98 1/2
Preferred	100	98 1/2	98 1/2
U. S. Realty	100	98 1/2	98 1/2
U. S. Rubber	100	98 1/2	98 1/2
U. S. Steel	100	98 1/2	98 1/2
Preferred	100	98 1/2	98 1/2
Wabash	100	98 1/2	98 1/2
Preferred	100	98 1/2	98 1/2
Wells Fargo Ex.	100	98 1/2	98 1/2
West. Elec.	100	98 1/2	98 1/2
West. Union	100	98 1/2	98 1/2
Wheel. & L. Erie	100	98 1/2	98 1/2
Wis. Central	100	98 1/2	98 1/2
Preferred	100	98 1/2	98 1/2
No. Pac.	100	98 1/2	98 1/2
GT. Nor. pfd.	100	98 1/2	98 1/2
Cent. Leather	100	98 1/2	98 1/2
Wheeler & L. Erie	100	98 1/2	98 1/2
Int. Met.	100	98 1/2	98 1/2
Preferred	100	98 1/2	98 1/2
Total sales for the day	420,700	shares.	

LIVESTOCK MARKETS.

Omaha, Nov. 25.—Cattle—Receipts, 5,600; market slow to 10 lower; native steers, 2.25@2.75; cows and heifers, 2.00@2.75; western steers, 2.50@3.00; Texas steers, 2.50@3.00; range cows and heifers, 1.75@2.50; canners, 1.50@2.00; stockers and feeders, 2.50@3.00; calves, 3.00@3.50; bulls and stags, 1.50@2.50.

Hogs—Receipts, 2,000; market 10@20 lower; heavy, 3.50@4.00; mixed, 3.50@4.00; light, 3.50@4.00; pigs, 3.50@4.00; western hogs, 3.50@4.00; stockers and feeders, 2.50@3.00.

Sheep—Receipts, 15,000; market steady; yearlings, 3.00@3.50; wethers, 2.50@3.00; ewes, 2.00@2.50; lambs, 2.50@3.00.

Kansas City, Nov. 25.—Cattle—Receipts, 10,000; including 400 southern; market steady; native steers, 2.25@2.75; cows and heifers, 1.50@2.50; stockers and feeders, 2.50@3.00; calves, 3.00@3.50; bulls and stags, 1.50@2.50.

Hogs—Receipts, 5,000; market 10 to 15 lower; bulk of sales, 3.50@4.00; pigs and light hogs, 3.50@4.00; stockers and feeders, 2.50@3.00.

Sheep—Receipts, 1,000; market steady; yearlings, 4.00@4.50; lambs, 4.00@4.50; ewes, 3.50@4.00.

was mainly influenced by corn. Shorts were the chief buyers. May opened 1/4¢ lower at 48 1/4¢, sold off to 48 1/2¢ and then advanced to 49 1/4¢. The close was 49 1/4¢. Local receipts, 151 cars.

Provisions had a sharp reaction after a weak opening. Shorts and local packers were active buyers during the last part of the session, which resulted in a substantial advance from the opening quotations. A further decline of 1/16¢ in the price of live hogs was responsible for the early weakness. The market closed strong with January pork up 3¢ at \$11.35; lard, 2 1/2¢ higher at \$7.25; ribs, 2 1/2¢ higher at \$6.25.

Estimated receipts for tomorrow: Wheat—41 cars; corn, 172 cars; oats, 155 cars; hogs, 19,000 head.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

WHEAT—No. 2:	Open	High	Low	Close
Dec	90 1/4	90 1/2	90 1/4	90 1/2
May	105 1/4	105 1/2	105 1/4	105 1/2
July	105 1/4	105 1/2	105 1/4	105 1/2

CORN—No. 2:	Open	High	Low	Close
Dec	31 1/4	31 1/2	31 1/4	31 1/2
May	31 1/4	31 1/2	31 1/4	31 1/2
July	31 1/4	31 1/2	31 1/4	31 1/2

OATS—No. 2:	Open	High	Low	Close
Dec	45 1/4	45 1/2	45 1/4	45 1/2
May	45 1/4	45 1/2	45 1/4	45 1/2
July	45 1/4	45 1/2	45 1/4	45 1/2

MESS ROR—Per barrel:	Open	High	Low	Close
Jan	11 1/4	11 1/2	11 1/4	11 1/2
May	11 1/4	11 1/2	11 1/4	11 1/2
July	11 1/4	11 1/2	11 1/4	11 1/2

LARD—Per 100 pounds:	Open	High	Low	Close
Jan	7 1/4	7 1/2	7 1/4	7 1/2
May	7 1/4	7 1/2	7 1/4	7 1/2
July	7 1/4	7 1/2	7 1/4	7 1/2

SHORT RIBS—Per 100 pounds:	Open	High	Low	Close
Jan	6 1/4	6 1/2	6 1/4	6 1/2
May	6 1/4	6 1/2	6 1/4	6 1/2
July	6 1/4	6 1/2	6 1/4	6 1/2

Cash quotations were as follows:

Wheat—No. 2 spring 1.01@1.04; No. 3, 33¢ @1.03; No. 2 red, 99¢@99 1/2¢; No. 2 yellow, 60¢ @60 1/2¢.

Oats—No. 2 white, 50¢; No. 3 white, 49¢ @49 1/2¢.

Rye—No. 2, 73¢.

Barley—Good feeding, 70¢@71¢; fair to choice malting, 72¢@73¢.

Flax Seed—No. 1 northern, 1.12; Timothy Seed—Prime, 3.25@3.30.

Clover—Contract grades, 15.00; Short Ribs—Steady (loose), 6.25@6.50; Mess Pork—Per barrel, 11.00@11.25; Lard—Per 100 pounds, 7.50; Sides—Short cut (box), 6.50@6.75.

Butter and Eggs.

New York, Nov. 25.—Butter—Steady; creameries, extra, 33¢; firsts to thirds, 23¢ @24¢; pinks, common to specials, 17¢ @18¢; imitation creamery, firsts, 22¢@23¢; Western factory, common to firsts, 18¢ @19¢.

Eggs—Firm; state and nearby good to choice, 28¢@29¢; brown and mixed selected fancy, 24¢@25¢; average best, 23¢@24¢; firsts to extras, 23¢@24¢; western and southern firsts, 20¢@21¢; seconds, 18¢@19¢.

Chicago, Nov. 25.—On the produce exchange today the butter market was easy; creameries, 23¢@24¢; dairies, 19¢@20¢; Eggs—Firm at market; cases, included, 20¢@21¢; firsts, 22¢; prime firsts, 24¢; Cheese—Steady; 15¢@16¢.

Elgin Butter.

Elgin, Ill., Nov. 25.—Butter was unchanged from last week at 27¢ per pound, and firm. Output for the week, 646,000 pounds.

Wool Market.

St. Louis, Nov. 25.—Wool—Quiet; medium grades, combing and clothing, 22¢ @23¢; light fine, 20¢@21¢; heavy fine, 15¢ @16¢; tub washed, 26¢@27¢.

Coffee and Sugar.

New York, Nov. 25.—Coffee futures closed steady, not changed to 56 1/2¢ points. Sugar—Sales reported of 48,500 bags, including January at 5.45¢@5.55¢; February, 5.55¢; March, 5.65¢@5.75¢; 5.55¢; July, 5.85¢; September, 5.85¢@5.95¢; October, 5.90¢. Spot coffee quiet; No. 7 Rio, 5¢; No. 4 Santos, 7¢. Mild steady; Corvina, 2¢@2 1/2¢.

Sugar—Raw quiet; fair refining, 3.00¢ @3.20¢; centrifugal, 3¢ test, 3.01¢@3.57¢; molasses sugar, 2.80¢@2.90¢; refined quiet.

Metal Markets.

New York, Nov. 25.—The London tin market had a sharp advance, with spot closing at 213 and futures at 214 1/2¢. Locally the market was quiet, with quotations ranging from 31.00¢@31.25¢.

Copper was higher in London, with spot quoted at 52¢ and futures at 53¢ 1/2¢. Locally the market was firm and higher, with lake quoted at 13.25¢@13.75¢.

Trade in oats was light and the market

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Commercial bills, 4.75@4.80.

Bar silver, 58¢.

Mexican dollars, 40¢.

Government bonds steady.

Railroad bonds irregular.

Treasury Statement.

Washington, Nov. 25.—Today's statement of the treasury balances in the general fund, exclusive of the \$150,000,000 gold reserve, shows:

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